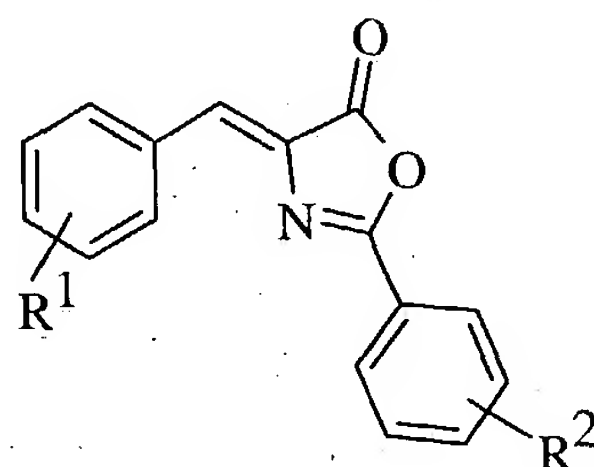


CLAIMS

What is claimed is :

1. A method of treating Alzheimer's disease, the method comprising administering to a patient having Alzheimer's disease a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula I



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wherein

R¹ is hydrogen, lower alkoxy, hydroxy, aryl, heteroaryl, phenoxy, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, carboxy, alkoxy carbonyl, carbamoyl, sulfamoyl, nitro, trifluoromethyl, amino, mono- or dialkylamino, or lower alkyl or lower alkenyl unsubstituted or substituted with one, two, or three groups independently selected from oxo, halogen, hydroxy, carboxy, carbamoyl, amino, mono- or dialkylamino, or aryl or heteroaryl optionally substituted independently with up to three groups selected from halogen, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, hydroxy, carboxy, alkoxy carbonyl, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, amino, mono- or dialkylamino, carbamoyl, carboxyalkyl, alkoxy carbonylalkyl, sulfamoyl, or carbonylamino;

R² is hydrogen, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, halogen, hydroxy, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl, arylalkoxy, heteroarylalkoxy, cyano, carboxy, alkoxy carbonyl, carbamoyl, sulfamoyl, nitro, trifluoromethyl, amino, or mono- or dialkylamino.

2. A method according to Claim 1, wherein R¹ is hydrogen, halogen, alkoxy, or heteroaryl; and R² is hydrogen or alkoxy.

3. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the compound is selected from:

4-Benzylidene-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;

4-(4-Nitro-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;

2-Acetoxy-5-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-ylidenemethyl)-benzoic

5 acid;

4-1,3-Benzodioxol-5-ylmethylene-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;

4-(2-Methoxy-3,5-dinitro-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;

2-Chloro-N,N-dimethyl-5-[1-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-ylidene)-ethyl]-benzenesulfonamide;

10 4-Biphenyl-4-ylmethylene-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;

4-(3-Ethoxy-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;

4-(3,5-Dibromo-2-hydroxy-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;

4-(4-Ethoxy-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;

15 4-(2,6-Dichloro-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;

2,2-Dimethyl-5-[4-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-ylidenemethyl)-phenoxy]-pentanoic acid;

4-(2-Chloro-cyclohex-1-enylmethylene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;

20 2-Phenyl-4-pyridin-3-ylmethylene-4H-oxazol-5-one;

4-(4-Hydroxy-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;

4-(3,4-Dimethoxy-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;

4-Benzylidene-2-(4-nitro-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;

N-[4-(4-Benzylidene-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-oxazol-2-yl)-phenyl]-

25 acetamide;

4-Benzylidene-2-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;

4-Benzylidene-2-p-tolyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;

4-Benzylidene-2-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;

4-Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-ylmethylene-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;

30 2-(4-Chloro-3-nitro-phenyl)-4-(4-diethylamino-benzylidene)-4H-oxazol-5-one;

4-(4-Dimethylamino-naphthalen-1-ylmethylene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;

- 4-(3,5-Dichloro-2-hydroxy-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-(2,3-Dihydroxy-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-(4-Phenoxy-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 5 4-(4-Dimethylamino-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-(4-Dimethylamino-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-Naphthalen-1-ylmethylene-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-Naphthalen-2-ylmethylene-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-(4-Dipropylamino-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 10 4-(4-Diethylamino-benzylidene)-2-p-tolyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-(4-Diethylamino-benzylidene)-2-(3,5-dinitro-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-(2,4-Dichloro-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 2-(4-Chloro-3-nitro-phenyl)-4-pyridin-4-ylmethylene-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 15 2-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-4-pyridin-2-ylmethylene-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-(2-Hydroxy-5-nitro-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 2-(4-Chloro-3-nitro-phenyl)-4-(4-fluoro-benzylidene)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 20 4-(4-Dimethylamino-benzylidene)-2-(3-nitro-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-(4-Chloro-benzylidene)-2-(3-nitro-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-(4-Methoxy-benzylidene)-2-(3-nitro-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-(4-Diethylamino-benzylidene)-2-(3-nitro-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 25 4-(4-Methyl-benzylidene)-2-(3-nitro-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-4-(4-diethylamino-benzylidene)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 2-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-4-(4-diethylamino-benzylidene)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 30 2-(3-Nitro-phenyl)-4-pyridin-4-ylmethylene-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-(2,3-Dimethoxy-benzylidene)-2-(2-iodo-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;

- 4-(2-Methoxy-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(3-Methoxy-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(4-Methoxy-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(2,3-Dimethoxy-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
5 4-(3,4-Dimethoxy-benzylidene)-2-(2-hydroxy-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(2,3-Dimethoxy-benzylidene)-2-(4-nitro-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
10 4-(3,4-Dimethoxy-benzylidene)-2-(2-iodo-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(3,4-Dimethoxy-benzylidene)-2-(4-nitro-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(2-Hydroxy-naphthalen-1-ylmethylene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
15 4-(4-Nitro-naphthalen-1-ylmethylene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
2-(4-Amino-phenyl)-4-(3,4-dimethoxy-benzylidene)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
2-Phenyl-4-(2,3,4-trihydroxy-benzylidene)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(4-Dipentylamino-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
20 4-[5-(4-Nitro-phenyl)-furan-2-ylmethylene]-2-p-tolyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(4-Diethylamino-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(3-Chloro-benzylidene)-2-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(3,4-Dichloro-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
25 4-(3,4-Dimethyl-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(4-Fluoro-3-trifluoromethyl-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(3,4-Dichloro-benzylidene)-2-(4-nitro-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
2-Phenyl-4-(2-piperidin-1-yl-cyclohex-1-enylmethylene)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
30 4-(2,4-Dimethyl-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(2-Ethoxy-5-methoxymethyl-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;

- 4-(2-Nitro-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(3-Nitro-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(3,4-Dimethoxy-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(3-Methyl-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
5 2-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-4-(1H-indol-3-ylmethylene)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-[4-(3,4-Dichloro-benzylidene)-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-oxazol-2-yl]-benzoic acid;
3-[2-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-5-oxo-oxazol-4-ylidenemethyl]-benzoic acid;
10 (4-Carboxy-phenyl)-{4-[4-(3,4-dichloro-benzylidene)-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-oxazol-2-yl]-phenyl}-ammonium;
2-[4-(3,4-Dichloro-benzylidene)-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-oxazol-2-yl]-benzoic acid;
15 2-[2-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-5-oxo-oxazol-4-ylidenemethyl]-benzoic acid;
(2-Carboxy-phenyl)-{4-[4-(3,4-dichloro-benzylidene)-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-oxazol-2-yl]-phenyl}-ammonium;
3-[4-(3,4-Dichloro-benzylidene)-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-oxazol-2-yl]-benzoic acid;
20 (3-Carboxy-phenyl)-{4-[4-(3,4-dichloro-benzylidene)-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-oxazol-2-yl]-phenyl}-ammonium;
4-[2-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-5-oxo-oxazol-4-ylidenemethyl]-benzoic acid; and
25 4-(4-Chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one.
4-(4-Bromo-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
2-[2-(2-Bromo-phenyl)-5-oxo-oxazol-4-ylidenemethyl]-benzoic acid methyl ester;
30 4-[4-(3,4-Dichloro-benzylidene)-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-oxazol-2-yl]-benzoic acid;
3-[2-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-5-oxo-oxazol-4-ylidenemethyl]-benzoic acid;

(4-Carboxy-phenyl)-{4-[4-(3,4-dichloro-benzylidene)-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-oxazol-2-yl]-phenyl}-ammonium;

2-[4-(3,4-Dichloro-benzylidene)-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-oxazol-2-yl]-benzoic acid;

5 2-[2-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-5-oxo-oxazol-4-ylidenemethyl]-benzoic acid;

(2-Carboxy-phenyl)-{4-[4-(3,4-dichloro-benzylidene)-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-oxazol-2-yl]-phenyl}-ammonium;

10 3-[4-(3,4-Dichloro-benzylidene)-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-oxazol-2-yl]-benzoic acid;

(3-Carboxy-phenyl)-{4-[4-(3,4-dichloro-benzylidene)-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-oxazol-2-yl]-phenyl}-ammonium;

4-[2-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-5-oxo-oxazol-4-ylidenemethyl]-benzoic acid; and

15 4-(4-Chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one.

4. A method of inhibiting the aggregation of amyloid proteins to form amyloid deposits, the method comprising administering to a patient in need of inhibition of the aggregation of amyloid protein an amyloid protein aggregation inhibiting amount of a compound of Claim 1.

5. A method of imaging amyloid deposits, the method comprising:

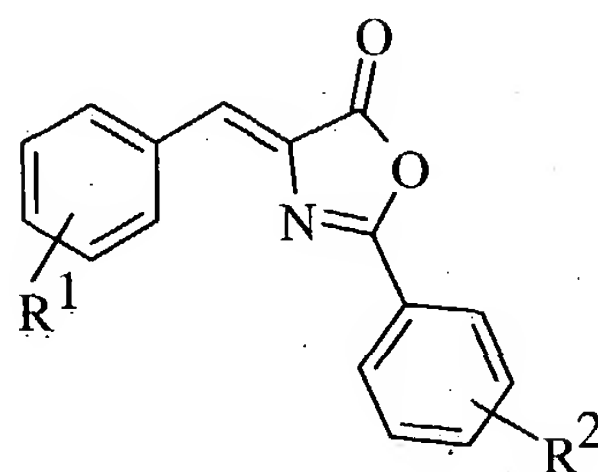
25 a. introducing into a patient a detectable quantity of a labeled compound according to Claim 1;

 b. allowing sufficient time for the labeled compound to become associated with amyloid deposits; and

 c. detecting the labeled compound associated with the amyloid deposits.

6. The method of Claim 5, wherein the patient has or is suspected to have Alzheimer's disease.

7. The method of Claim 5, wherein the labeled compound is a radio labeled compound.
8. The method of Claim 5, wherein the labeled compound is detected using MRI.
- 5 9. A compound of Formula I



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wherein

R¹ is hydrogen, lower alkoxy, hydroxy, aryl, heteroaryl, phenoxy, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, carbamoyl, sulfamoyl, nitro, trifluoromethyl, amino, mono- or dialkylamino, or lower alkyl or lower alkenyl unsubstituted or substituted with one, two, or three groups independently selected from oxo, halogen, hydroxy, carboxy, carbamoyl, amino, mono- or dialkylamino, or aryl or heteroaryl optionally substituted independently with up to three groups selected from halogen, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, hydroxy, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, amino, mono- or dialkylamino, carbamoyl, carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl, sulfamoyl, or carbonylamino;

R² is hydrogen, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, halogen, hydroxy, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl, arylalkoxy, heteroarylalkoxy, cyano, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, carbamoyl, sulfamoyl, nitro, trifluoromethyl, amino, or mono- or dialkylamino, or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, amides and prodrugs thereof.

10. A compound according to Claim 1, wherein R¹ is hydrogen, halogen, alkoxy, or heteroaryl; and R² is hydrogen or alkoxy.

11. A compound according to Claim 1, wherein the compound is selected from:

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4-Benzylidene-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(4-Nitro-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
2-Acetoxy-5-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-ylidenemethyl)-benzoic

acid;

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4-1,3-Benzodioxol-5-ylmethylene-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(2-Methoxy-3,5-dinitro-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
2-Chloro-N,N-dimethyl-5-[1-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-ylidene)-ethyl]-benzenesulfonamide;

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4-Biphenyl-4-ylmethylene-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(3-Ethoxy-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(3,5-Dibromo-2-hydroxy-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;

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4-(4-Ethoxy-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(2,6-Dichloro-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
2,2-Dimethyl-5-[4-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-ylidenemethyl)-phenoxy]-pentanoic acid;
4-(2-Chloro-cyclohex-1-enylmethylene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;

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2-Phenyl-4-pyridin-3-ylmethylene-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(4-Hydroxy-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(3,4-Dimethoxy-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-Benzylidene-2-(4-nitro-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
N-[4-(4-Benzylidene-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-oxazol-2-yl)-phenyl]-acetamide;

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4-Benzylidene-2-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-Benzylidene-2-p-tolyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;

- 4-Benzylidene-2-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-ylmethylene-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
2-(4-Chloro-3-nitro-phenyl)-4-(4-diethylamino-benzylidene)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
5 4-(4-Dimethylamino-naphthalen-1-ylmethylene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(3,5-Dichloro-2-hydroxy-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
10 4-(2,3-Dihydroxy-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(4-Phenoxy-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(4-Dimethylamino-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(4-Dimethylamino-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-Naphthalen-1-ylmethylene-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-Naphthalen-2-ylmethylene-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
15 4-(4-Dipropylamino-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(4-Diethylamino-benzylidene)-2-p-tolyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(4-Diethylamino-benzylidene)-2-(3,5-dinitro-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(2,4-Dichloro-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
20 2-(4-Chloro-3-nitro-phenyl)-4-pyridin-4-ylmethylene-4H-oxazol-5-one;
2-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-4-pyridin-2-ylmethylene-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(2-Hydroxy-5-nitro-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
2-(4-Chloro-3-nitro-phenyl)-4-(4-fluoro-benzylidene)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
25 5-one;
4-(4-Dimethylamino-benzylidene)-2-(3-nitro-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(4-Chloro-benzylidene)-2-(3-nitro-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(4-Methoxy-benzylidene)-2-(3-nitro-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
30 4-(4-Diethylamino-benzylidene)-2-(3-nitro-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
4-(4-Methyl-benzylidene)-2-(3-nitro-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;

- 2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-4-(4-diethylamino-benzylidene)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 2-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-4-(4-diethylamino-benzylidene)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 5 2-(3-Nitro-phenyl)-4-pyridin-4-ylmethylene-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-(2,3-Dimethoxy-benzylidene)-2-(2-iodo-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-(2-Methoxy-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-(3-Methoxy-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 10 4-(4-Methoxy-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-(2,3-Dimethoxy-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-(3,4-Dimethoxy-benzylidene)-2-(2-hydroxy-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-(2,3-Dimethoxy-benzylidene)-2-(4-nitro-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 15 4-(3,4-Dimethoxy-benzylidene)-2-(2-iodo-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-(3,4-Dimethoxy-benzylidene)-2-(4-nitro-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 20 4-(2-Hydroxy-naphthalen-1-ylmethylene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-(4-Nitro-naphthalen-1-ylmethylene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 2-(4-Amino-phenyl)-4-(3,4-dimethoxy-benzylidene)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 25 2-Phenyl-4-(2,3,4-trihydroxy-benzylidene)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-(4-Dipentylamino-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-[5-(4-Nitro-phenyl)-furan-2-ylmethylene]-2-p-tolyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-(4-Diethylamino-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 30 4-(3-Chloro-benzylidene)-2-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-(3,4-Dichloro-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-(3,4-Dimethyl-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;

- 4-(4-Fluoro-3-trifluoromethyl-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-(3,4-Dichloro-benzylidene)-2-(4-nitro-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 2-Phenyl-4-(2-piperidin-1-yl-cyclohex-1-enylmethylene)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-(2,4-Dimethyl-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-(2-Ethoxy-5-methoxymethyl-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-(2-Nitro-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-(3-Nitro-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-(3,4-Dimethoxy-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-(3-Methyl-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 2-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-4-(1H-indol-3-ylmethylene)-4H-oxazol-5-one;
- 4-[4-(3,4-Dichloro-benzylidene)-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-oxazol-2-yl]-benzoic acid;
- 3-[2-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-5-oxo-oxazol-4-ylidenemethyl]-benzoic acid;
- (4-Carboxy-phenyl)-{4-[4-(3,4-dichloro-benzylidene)-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-oxazol-2-yl]-phenyl}-ammonium;
- 2-[4-(3,4-Dichloro-benzylidene)-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-oxazol-2-yl]-benzoic acid;
- 2-[2-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-5-oxo-oxazol-4-ylidenemethyl]-benzoic acid;
- (2-Carboxy-phenyl)-{4-[4-(3,4-dichloro-benzylidene)-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-oxazol-2-yl]-phenyl}-ammonium;
- 3-[4-(3,4-Dichloro-benzylidene)-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-oxazol-2-yl]-benzoic acid;
- (3-Carboxy-phenyl)-{4-[4-(3,4-dichloro-benzylidene)-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-oxazol-2-yl]-phenyl}-ammonium;
- 4-[2-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-5-oxo-oxazol-4-ylidenemethyl]-benzoic acid; and

4-(4-Chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one.

4-(4-Bromo-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one;

2-[2-(2-Bromo-phenyl)-5-oxo-oxazol-4-ylidenemethyl]-benzoic acid methyl ester;

4-[4-(3,4-Dichloro-benzylidene)-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-oxazol-2-yl]-benzoic acid;

3-[2-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-5-oxo-oxazol-4-ylidenemethyl]-benzoic acid;

(4-Carboxy-phenyl)-{4-[4-(3,4-dichloro-benzylidene)-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-oxazol-2-yl]-phenyl}-ammonium;

2-[4-(3,4-Dichloro-benzylidene)-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-oxazol-2-yl]-benzoic acid;

2-[2-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-5-oxo-oxazol-4-ylidenemethyl]-benzoic acid;

(2-Carboxy-phenyl)-{4-[4-(3,4-dichloro-benzylidene)-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-oxazol-2-yl]-phenyl}-ammonium;

3-[4-(3,4-Dichloro-benzylidene)-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-oxazol-2-yl]-benzoic acid;

(3-Carboxy-phenyl)-{4-[4-(3,4-dichloro-benzylidene)-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-oxazol-2-yl]-phenyl}-ammonium;

4-[2-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-5-oxo-oxazol-4-ylidenemethyl]-benzoic acid; and

4-(4-Chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-benzylidene)-2-phenyl-4H-oxazol-5-one.

12. A composition comprising a compound of Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.